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RESEARCH ON SAFETY OF ASBESTOS
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that ITRC Lucknow and several other public sector R and D Institutions such as NIOH, Nagpur have done pioneering work on the safety and health aspects of Asbestos ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) whether it is a fact that asbestos have been banned in many countries across the world ; and
- (d) if so, the names of those countries and the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a)&(b) : Yes Sir. ITRC and NIOH have carried out health and environmental monitoring related studies on asbestos. The efforts have led to working out mechanisms of toxicity of asbestos using in-vitro and in-vivo models; and highlighting populations that may be occupationally vulnerable.

(c)&(d) : Some of the European Union countries have banned asbestos as a preventive measure.